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NEXT MEETING

JUNE

7.30pm
Tuesday 16th June
Leys Institute (upstairs)
20 Saint Marys Road
Ponsonby

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THE CHAIRMAN'S BIT

Hi everyone,

Meeting Theme June 16 2015

Now you see 'em, now you don't; seam filling for dummies and experts.

This month we will trial a new format of meeting.

The survey we did at the last club night clearly indicated that the membership like "How To" sessions and demonstrations of techniques. However in the past when members have put quite a bit of effort into setting up a demonstration there are frequently only a few interested observers, and the general hubbub in the room as we chat over a cup of tea makes it hard to focus on the detail of what is being demonstrated.

This month the first 30 minutes of the meeting will be devoted to a free-for-all discussion on seam filling tips and techniques. Various committee members are volunteering to share their techniques, but all members should view this as an opportunity to pass on something that perhaps only they know.

Actual examples of your ideas will be more valuable than just words. If you can use an existing project or a practice model to demonstrate your tip and then this can be handled and examined by interested parties then so much the better.

IF you have no interest in seam filling (perhaps you don't care about seams or perhaps your technique is already perfect :) and you want to arrive at about 8.20 in time for the "Round the Table" to start then that is fine.

Mark

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JUNE CLUB NIGHT NOTES

New Table Layout

This month we will try a new table layout. There will be individual tables for the following categories of model; Shelf of Doom, Half Finished, Finished but NOT in the League Competition and Finished and entered into the League Competition. This will make the “Round the Table” talks a little more systematic and will make it easier to see which models need to be assessed for the League judging.

Remember also to feel welcome to bring along a small tool kit and some items to work on while you are listening, there will be one table set aside for those who want to have somewhere to work.

Shelf of DOOM! Competition

This will be the second and last month for you to bring along your entries for the Shelf of Doom competition which will run all year. Remember there are cool voucher prizes from Replicant Hobbies to aim for. If you have progressed one or more of your models since last month then feel free to come along and skate!

We will follow the progress of your rescue this year with interest, and in December there will be prizes awarded by my new business Replicant Hobbies (based in Whangarei):

Oldest Shelf of Doom kit rescued:	\$50.00 Replicant Hobbies voucher
Best Improvement of a Shelf of Doom kit from the state in which was presented this month and the end result:	\$50.00 Replicant Hobbies Voucher
Best Overall Shelf of Doom Result:	\$100.00 Replicant Hobbies voucher.

“The Monthly Guru”

Once again one experienced modeller will be wearing a bright yellow cap indicating that he is happy to answer any questions you might have on tools and techniques, or find the man who can.

Next Meeting - July

The “How To” will be weathering and an additional theme will be “Bring Along Your Oldest Existing Completed Model” Results of the Membership Survey May 2015

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JUNE CLUB NIGHT NOTES

May Club Night Survey Results

At the May Club Night I passed around a survey seeking to find out what the membership wanted from their committee and club for the next year.

15 members responded, which is pretty good for a survey, and the results are summarized below. Remember that the scale went from 1 to 5. 1 means that you strongly disagree with the statement and 5 that you strongly agree. Logically an average of 2.5 would mean a neutral response to the statement.

1. The "round the table" discussion of finished kits is an enjoyable part of the meeting.

This averaged a 4.6 rating, the equal-second highest of the survey, meaning that the respondents strongly agreed with the statement on average. One comment was "as long as there is not a lot of rambling on", which I think we would all agree with!

2. The "round the table" discussion of part-finished kits is an enjoyable part of the meeting.

This rated slightly lower at 4.1 but this was still a high level of agreement, reinforcing the feeling that we like hearing about what other modellers are doing.

3. The league table of modellers is a valuable part of the year's activities.

The response to this was an average of 3.5, the third-equal weakest agreement of the survey. However it still was a positive indicator and an affirmation that those who like the league should feel very welcome to continue to run it as part of the meeting.

4. Having a strong presence at Model X is an important promotional activity for the club.

Quiet a positive response to this at an average of 4.2. It will be interesting to see if we have any new members over the next couple of months as a result of our display this year.

5. The newsletter is an important communication medium for the club.

This was the strongest overall result at 4.7. Go Rob! A strong affirmation that we like a newsletter to pop into our inbox each month. Thanks to those who have filled this role over the years, especially Rob Willis our incumbent editor.

6. The website is an important medium to maintain at its current status.

This is where it gets interesting; this question and the next two. The average for question 6 was 4.6 which the second highest level of agreement.

BUT

7. The website should have money spent on it to develop it further.

This produced a very mild level of agreement at 3.1 and THEN

8. I check the website several times a month

This produced mild DISAGREEMENT at 2.4!

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JUNE CLUB NIGHT NOTES

Does this mean we think the website is important for OTHER people to look at but not us?
Inquiring minds want to know?

Do we want SOMEONE to work on the website, but not be paid? It sure seems like it....

9. Practical "How To" sessions are an important reason why I attend club nights.

Good agreement here at an average of 4.3, so message received by the committee!

10. Intra-club competitions are an important activity for the committee to promote.

Only mild agreement here at 3.5, but still a positive response.

11. Putting on displays and competitions that modellers from other cities might attend is an important aim for the club

Mild agreement here at a 3.8 average.

12. Recruiting new modellers to the hobby is an important activity for the club

No argument at here with an average of 4.5.

Comments and ideas;

"Keep a simple format, relaxed round table discussion is good".

"Each month have a "How To""

"Like speed builds"

"Sessions on weathering please"

"Like practical demonstrations."

So there you have it. There is plenty of information here for the committee to use to guide our activities, so thanks to all those who took the time to fill out the survey.

Mark Robson
Chairman

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CLUB SUPPORT

The following retailers have kindly agreed to offer IPMS Auckland club members a discount on their purchases upon presentation of their current IPMS Auckland Membership card.

The discount only applies on selected product lines and remains at the discretion of the retailer.

ModelAir

12 Kent St Newmarket
Auckland
p: 09 520 1236
10% on kits

Stoker Models

Cnr Market Rd & Gt South Rd
Auckland
p: 09 520 1737
10% on kits and modelling supplies

Apix Photographic Supplies

130 New North Rd, Eden Terrace
Auckland
p: 307 3177
10% on memory cards, tripods, and accessories.

Avetek Limited

Gwyn and Christina Avenell
28 Lauren Grove, RD 2, Papakura,
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e: aveteknz@gmail.com
www.avetek.co.nz
New Zealand Master Agents for:
Auszac ECO Balsa • Bob Smith Industries
- Cyanoacrylates and Epoxies • Airsail
International Kitsets

TOYWORLD

Toyworld Henderson
56 Railside Rd, Henderson
Toyworld Westgate
1 Fernhill Dve, Westgate

15% Off the normal retail price on:

- All models and modeling accessories
- All Hornby
- All Siku
- All Schleich & Collecta figures and accessories
- All Meccano
- Lego (Excludes Lego Mindstorm's they will be 10% if available as most have already been preordered)

(Note: not in conjunction with any other promotion)

Capital Books

110 Featherston Street
Wellington
<http://www.capitalbooks.co.nz>

10% off most items on presentation of IPMS Auckland Membership Card. CB has a list of current IPMS Auckland members for internet purchases.

Merv Smith Hobbies

27 Davis Crescent
Newmarket
Auckland

10% off most items on presentation of IPMS Auckland Membership Card.



Avetek Limited

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NEW MEMBERS AND SUBS ***** 2015/16 DUE APRIL *****

Subs for 2014/15 are well overdue - see below for club account details or see the club secretary at the next club meeting.

Annual Membership Fees

Membership Type	Description	Cost
Full	Living in the Auckland metropolitan area	NZ\$45
Out Of Town	Living 75km or more from central Auckland	NZ\$30
Junior	Same rights as full membership for those under 16	NZ\$25

IPMS BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER

03 0162 0012960 00

Please add your details so we know who has paid.

Wargamers Wanted!

Steve has contacted the club interested in anyone who wargames in World War II, specifically in 1/72 or 1/76 scale.

If you'd like to get in touch, email Steve: godcorp@extra.co.nz



EVENTS

CLUB NIGHT EVENTS

June 16th 2015 - IPMS Auckland Club Night

July 21st 2015 - IPMS Auckland Club Night

August 18th 2015 - IPMS Auckland Club Night

MODELLING EVENTS

2015 IPMS NZ National Competition:

10th - 11th October, 2015

Westpac Bowls Stadium
38 Tahuna Road
Dunedin

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Build The Same Kit 2015 Challenge

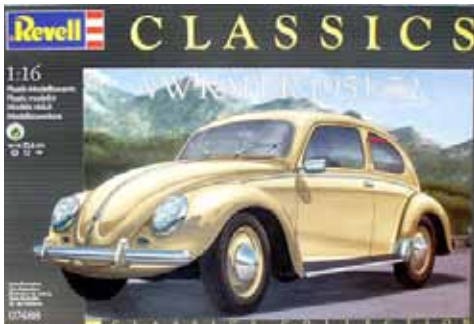
So after some debate on club night last month, the Build the Same Kit challenge has become a Build the Same Kits challenge! The options are:

- BAe Hawk / Folland Gnat (or both - knock yourself out)
- Anything from the VW family.
- Any maritime subject

And the TRIFECTA - the TRIFECTA is a new idea. This year it is proposed that the club offers 3 - yes count them 3 - Build The Same Kit challenges. An Aircraft, A Vehicle, and A Maritime subject with winners' prizes of \$50 and runners' up prizes of \$25 for each category.

PLUS

A major prize of \$100 is on offer for the winner of the Trifecta, the modeller who has built the best 3 models in the BSK competition. One model must be from each category.



BUY, SELL & SWAP STASH



MODEL SHOWS

You spend countless hours on a model so some twat can tell you were you went wrong. They then pick it up for closer inspection.

Collectors Toy & Model Fair

Sunday 27th July, 2015

Collectors Toy and Model Fair
Mt Eden War Memorial Hall
487 Dominion Road
Auckland

10.00am to 1.00pm

Entry: \$6 per adult

For future information on Collectors Fairs, Hobbies Expo's, Swapmeet etc.

Visit their web-page:
www.aucklandhobbyfair.wordpress.com/events/

ALWAYS CHECK TO CONFIRM FOR DATES AND TIMES OF THE EVENT



MODEL-X 2015

MODEL-X QUEENS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND 2015

I am proud to say that again IPMS Auckland was a shining beacon of excellence at Model X. The display looked great and the Project Airfix initiative continues to be a very visceral modelling experience for lots of kids. I think we need to broaden the times on this and if there is sufficient enthusiasm next year I think we should just have continuous building. There were some kids who desperately wanted to build something but missed out because their parents were not prepared to wait around until the next official time slot.

The fact that modellers were actually MODELLING continued to draw much interest from the attendees, and there were lots of interesting conversations, including one elderly American gentleman who told of being flown from the front in France to Scotland in a B 17 in 1944 to see his new baby and his Scottish wife. Very touching!

Thanks to all who displayed models and helped with manning the stand, and especially to those who helped set up and break down the display, and those who helped with Project Airfix. These members include (but are not limited to); Bob Cox, Arthur Winterton, Peter Harrison, Peter Foxley, Dimitri Berdebes, John Watkins, Ian Robertson, Brett Sharman, John Weir, Craig Sargent, Rob Willis, Henry Ludlam, Adrian Grant, Peter Mousing, Adrian Hills, Lance Whitford and John Darlington.

Special thanks also to Modelair for allowing us to use their display of tank painting and weathering and also the fantastic 1/24th Airfix Typhoon built by John Darlington.

Thanks also to Holdsons and Airfix for continuing to supply kits and supplies to help kids get a taste of what we do.



Above: Dimitri picking up a few pointers...

MODEL-X 2015



Above: some of the models on display



Above: Peter H contemplates the next additions to his stash... in big-boy scale!

Check out more photographs on the web site - follow the Galleries link.

Supermarine Jetspit

Gregg Shaw

Supermarine Jetspit

I started with the Ventura Spitfire 22 Kit. I started as per instructions and built the body first. Once this was done I cut the airframe behind, below and forward of the cockpit and moved this so it sits over the wing root.

I used a balsa plug covered with plasticard to fill the area behind the new cockpit location. I then took the rear section of the Friendship engine nacelle and used this to form the nose of the Jetspit. The engines I took from an old Airfix Meteor with modified and widened jetpipe and mounted this directly to the Spitfire wing root and faired it in with putty.

I used the standard Mk 22/24 wing that came with the kit outboard of the engine nacelle using a combination of plasticard and putty to get a clean fit. I decided early on to have a nose wheel and the only suitable unit I had available was off the Airfix P-38 Lightning. This fitted well in the wheel bay I had created but had to be shortened.

I had to use a bit of weight to get it to be front heavy but I still had to modify the main gear units to make the tail stay up. This was achieved by moving the undercarriage pivot point back further but I left the wheel bay where it was. This was a comparatively easy fix as I only needed to create a new trough for the undercarriage legs and new doors. This means that now the undercarriage retracts forward instead of back.

The only other mod I made was the vertical tail unit. I added an extension to the leading edge as I assumed with extra power from the jets directional stability would benefit from this.

Hope you like the result.

Gregg Shaw



Supermarine Dartfire

Gregg Shaw





GALLERY

ON THE TABLE - JUNE 2015 CLUB NIGHT

This month we're trying something a little different with the gallery.

Instead of trying to squeeze the photographs from Club Night onto these pages, we've decided to try a new gallery format on the clubs website. This means larger images with higher resolution - so you can see all those previously unnoticed finger-prints in hi-def.....

So, for your viewing pleasure, please visit the gallery pages for 2015 on the website or get there by following this link:

http://ipmsauckland.hobbyvista.com/galleries_2015.html

LAST WORDS



Coming soon to a Modelair near you (the 1/32 Tamiya Mosquito that is... John's already there...)

Check out the IPMS Auckland website as we're trying to keep the content a bit more dynamic. We won't be regurgitating content found on other websites but will provide links to sites we think are of interest to members.

Also remember to check out the 'On the Table' galleries which will now be on the website only.

...and again, a reminder that if you have anything to contribute, be it images of an event you went to, a model you're building or fancy reviewing, something you've bought online or anything else even remotely modelling related you think may interest the rest of the club, send it through to me at: jaxbw@orcon.net.nz or have a chat with me at Club Night.

Cheers
Rob

